STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, II of 1097.

Item.	Amount Rs.	Remarks.
Demand III. Salt.	273	On account of the entertainment of one second grade Sub-Inspector, one fourth grade Petty Officer and two fifth grade peons for the Variyur *allom*.
Demand IX. General Administration.	3,000	For meeting the expenditure on account of the travelling allowance of the members of the Legislative Council.
Demand XVII. Medical and Sanitary.	1,264	For the pay of four Sub-Assistant Surgeons entertained for plague duty.
Do. Do.	500	For meeting the additional expenditure incurred on account of the frontier plague stations.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

Demand XVI—Industries.

Mr. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 6,300 under Demand XVI, Industries. The Council has already sanctioned this amount under Demand XX. The purport of my present demand is that it should be transferred from Demand XX to XVI. This is necessitated on account of the transfer of boiler inspection to the Industries Department.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House sanctions this supplementary demand?

The grant was made.

Demand XIX—Stationery and Printing.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 1,60,000 under Stationery and Printing, for payment to the stationery contractors. The balance due to the contractors at the close of 1097 was Rs. 3,04,806. The value of the articles purchased up to the 31st Mithunam 1098 was Rs. 1,03,072. The total amount due to them comes

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to Rs. 4,07,878. Out of this amount, a sum of Rs. 2,54,464 has already been paid from the allotment provided in this year's budget. The balance is Rs. 1,53,394. That is, the balance due up to the end of Mithunam 1098. The value of the articles that will be supplied in Karkadakam 1098 is estimated at Rs. 13,000. Thus, the total amount that will be due to the Company towards the close of the year will be about Rs. 1,66,394 or Rs. 1,67,000 in round numbers. Out of this, it is proposed to pay them Rs. 1,60,000, so that from the beginning of the next year we shall be practically current. Hence the demand.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House sanctions this demand.

MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): No. The Council would like to know whether Government would continue the existing contract system or would try to buy direct from the manufacturers themselves. During the discussion of the last budget—

PRESIDENT: Mr. Raman Pillai, I think it hardly arises here in connection with the supplementary grant.

MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Unless some assurance is given, I oppose the demand.

PRESIDENT: We have already made arrangements not to buy from these contractors only. For some time past we have been buying from the cheapest market.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We are legally bound to pay the amount for the articles already supplied.

Mr. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Sir, I also oppose the demand, but on a different ground. I have not been given a copy of the demand. It is not before my seat. Even after coming to the House I see that the copy is not supplied to me.

PRESIDENT: The Legislative Council Secretary says that he has placed a copy of it on the table. You may have another copy now.

Has any other gentleman anything to say with regard to the supplementary demand? Seeing that there is some opposition, I shall put the motion to vote.

The demand was put and carried.

The grant was made.

PRESIDENT: Under Rule 47 of the Legislative Council Rules, the debate on the budget for 1099, which will now be presented by the Financial Secretary, will begin with a general discussion and be followed by the voting of demands for grants. The 2nd and the 3rd of August will be devoted to the general discussion of the budget. The discussion of the demands and the voting on them will take place from the 6th to the 10th August and on the 13th and the 14th August. The maximum period admissible under Rule 49 (1) for dealing with the demands will thus be seen to have been allotted for the purpose. The demands will

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be discussed in the order in which they have been printed in the statement which has been furnished to you. Three days out of the seven may be taken up by Land Revenue, Education and Public Works, each of these demands being given not more than one day. The remaining demands will have to be dealt with before the close of the seventh day, and not more than half a day can be allotted to any one demand. At the end of the time allotted for the discussion of each demand, all pending motions in respect of that demand will automatically lapse; and at 5 o'clock on the evening of the last of the allotted days, every question necessary for the disposal of all the outstanding matters in connection with the demands for grants will be put under Rule 49 (3).

Each member other than the Financial Secretary will be allowed during the general discussion stage not more than twenty minutes. When voting on the demands for grants, every mover and the official member who has the right of reply will be allowed ten minutes each and the other members five minutes each.

Standing order No. 56 requires notice of every motion for the reduction or omission of a grant to be given to the Secretary to the Council five clear days before the day on which the demand comes up for consideration. I would, in this connection, repeat the request I made to the non-official members last year to kindly specify the item in respect of which they make a motion, quote the page of the *Preliminary Budget* in which that item is found, and also indicate in a general manner the grounds on which they base their proposal for reduction or omission. So far, as regards the budget for 1099.

With a view to expedite the publication of the Council Proceedings, some arrangements have been made provisionally. Members are no doubt aware that printed copies of the proceedings of one meeting are ready only just before the next meeting comes round; but they can hardly realise that even this result is now achieved only by a considerable effort on the part of the Legislative Section and the Press staff. Provisionally, the number of shorthand reporters has been raised from four to six, a full-time Malayalam shorthand reporter has been appointed, and special arrangements have been made to edit the speeches and prepare the copies for the Press. It is hoped that it will be possible to send the copies of speeches to the Press on the morning of the next day after each meeting and to place in the hands of members a preliminary edition of them on the day following. Members will be given four days' time to revise their speeches. If no corrections are received within the above period, the proceedings will be finally struck off. I trust that the members would kindly co-operate with the Secretary in this matter.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

MR K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary*): Sir, I rise to present the Financial Statement for 1099. I would in the first place refer to the new procedure in the preparation of the budget that was adopted

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